

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
NORIYUKI SUZUKI, et al. ) : Examiner: M. Chery  
Application No.: 10/628,404 ) : Group Art Unit: 2188  
Filed: July 29, 2003 ) :  
For: STORAGE UNIT, )  
INFORMATION :  
PROCESSING APPARATUS, )  
AND EJECT CONTROL :  
METHOD FOR STORAGE )  
UNIT : December 1, 2008

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to further examination of the above-identified application, for which a Request for Continued Examination is being filed concurrently herewith, and in response to the final Office Action dated July 2, 2008, the period for response to which having been extended to December 2, 2008 by the accompanying Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows